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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.  
Sir,

**Amendment of Claims ~~18~~ 18 & 22**

It is respectfully requested that amendment of claims 18 & 22 as submitted  
herewith be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Ho Keung, Tse.



**-19(Dirty Version)-**

**18.(Eight Times Amendment) A method for protecting software from unauthorised use, by restricting the use thereof to be under control of a single person, comprising a sub-method ; said sub-method comprising the steps of :**

- (a) establishing a communication between a processing apparatus, say, first processing apparatus and a remote electronic transaction system ;**
- (b) verifying said person having a valid account, by said remote electronic transaction system, basing on authenticated information related to said person , said information being communicated to said remote electronic transaction system from said processing apparatus ;**
- (c) using a valid account being verified as a pre-condition for [determining from said processing apparatus information related to the hardware or/and software thereof, for future reference in step (d) below ; thereafter]**
- (d) [authenticating a processing apparatus, say, second processing apparatus, basing on at least a part of said information related to said hardware or/and software ;]**
- (e) [using said second processing apparatus being determined as authentic as a pre-condition for] permitting use of said software on said second processing apparatus[, with no charge] ;**

**wherein said sub-method a cost is being charged from said account ; and thereafter, said sub-method being capable of being used on a processing apparatus, say, [third] second processing apparatus , without re-charging from said account said cost .**

-22(Dirty Version)-

22. (Thlrd Times Amendment) A software product comprising computer code for causing one or more processing apparatus to perform the method of claim 1, 12, 14, 16, 18 , 20 or 21 ;  
a computer readable medium [storing] having said computer code.

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18. A method for protecting software from unauthorised use, by restricting the use thereof to be under control of a single person, comprising a sub-method ; said sub-method comprising the steps of :

- (a) establishing a communication between a processing apparatus, say, first processing apparatus and a remote electronic transaction system ;
- (b) verifying said person having a valid account, by said remote electronic transaction system, basing on authenticated information related to said person , said information being communicated to said remote electronic transaction system from said processing apparatus ;
- (c) using a valid account being verified as a pre-condition for permitting use of said software on said second processing apparatus ;

wherein said sub-method a cost is being charged from said account ; and thereafter, said sub-method being capable of being used on a processing apparatus, say, second processing apparatus , without re-charging from said account said cost .

19. A method for protecting software from unauthorised use, as claimed by claim 18, wherein no charge for repeating said sub-method .

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22. A software product comprising computer code for causing one or more processing apparatus to perform the method of claim 1, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 or 21

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a computer readable medium having said computer code.